

On page 23, line 15, please replace "ratio of between 10% to 30% PVAI solution is between 5 and 20 parts PVAI to 80 and 95 parts of" with the following:

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--10% to 25% solution of PVAI to water is provided in the amount of approximately 0.1% to 30% by weight of the--.

On page 29, line 9, please delete "amount of", and at line 10, please replace "is about 1 to about 30 parts per 100 parts of polymer" with the following:

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--of the instant invention is preferably provided in a solution comprising a 5% to 30% solution of nonionic ethoxilated alcohol surfactant to water, the solution being present in an amount of approximately 0.1% to 25% of the binder--.

On page 49, line 3, after "may be utilized", please insert the following:

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--in the amount of 0.01% to 10% by weight, and more preferably from 0.01% to about 0.7% by weight.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30 and 33.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 22, 31, and 34 as follows:

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1.(ONCE AMENDED) A composition suitable for use in the manufacture of construction board comprising:

an expanded mineral present at up to about 40% by weight;

calcium sulfate present at up to about 60% by weight; and

a synthetic binder, said synthetic binder being selected from the group consisting essentially of: